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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GOODWIN

The original of the attached letter from Elizabeth Bell expressing her concern over allegations by Drew Pearson of CIA ties by Peace Corps Director Blatchford was routed to me for handling.

I returned it to the NSC Secretariat, expressing the view that it will be far better to have either Mr. Blatchford or someone on the White House Staff to respond to this letter rather than the CIA. Therefore, I am sending this along purely for information purposes.

As you undoubtedly saw, Mr. Blatchford denied Pearson's allegations and Pearson subsequently issued a retraction.

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Attachment